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The following stories and programs aired on **News Channel 8** during the second quarter. The newscasts air seven nights a week (Monday – Friday 5-7a.m.12-1p.m, 5-6:30p.m., and 11-11:35p.m.) and weekends (6-8am, 6p.m. & 11p.m.) on WTNH-TV. The stories range from 15 seconds to one minute & 45 seconds and focus on the following 6 issues of importance to the community:

1. Community & Diversity Issues
2. Health
3. Education
4. Consumer Issues
5. Crime
6. Government, Economy, & Law

Community & Diversity Issues

April:

4/07/09: 5:00 News, 5:06 p.m., 15 seconds
"Opponents of Same-Sex Marriage Still Fighting"
Those who oppose same sex marriage are still fighting as the bill to make 'state law' comply with the court decision makes its way through the General Assembly. The opponents say the so-called 'clean up' bill would impose what they call 'the gay rights agenda' on those who have 'religious' objections to it.

4/23/09: 12:00 News,12:09 p.m., 20 seconds
"U.S. Supreme Court Hears Reverse Discrimination Case"
19 white, and one Hispanic, firefighters filed a reverse discrimination suit after the city decided to scrap the results of a 'promotional exam' because too few minorities passed. New Haven says that if it had gone ahead with the promotions based on the test results it would have risked a lawsuit that the tests were "unfair" to minorities. The case has been appealed all the way to the Supreme Court. Justices heard the case yesterday and appeared divided on who to side with.

4/24/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:03 a.m., 20 seconds
"Gov. Rell Signs Same-Sex Marriage Bill"
Governor Jodi Rell signs a bill updating the state's law on gay marriage. Both the state house and senate passed a measure Wednesday night. It redefines marriage in Connecticut as the legal union of two people. Connecticut law had previously defined marriage as the union of one man and one woman. The change complies with last year's state Supreme Court ruling allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry.

May:

5/09/09: 5:30 News, 5:43 p.m., 30 seconds
"Mother's Day Breakfast New Haven"
The Greater New Haven NAACP Youth council honored five, "mothers who serve" and their third annual mothers' day award breakfast. Held at the Elks lodge on Webster Street the event not only recognized the women for their hard work, it also brought awareness to the work that young people do in the community.

5/13/09: 5:00 News, 5:19 p.m., 15 seconds
"Obama Cut-out Controversy"
The owner of a Hamden bar says it was just a joke, but clearly some people aren't laughing. Facing the threat of picketing by the NAACP, the owner has taken down a controversial cardboard cut-out of President Barack Obama.

5/18/09: 5:00 News, 5:02 p.m., 20 seconds
"Same-Sex Couples From Out of State Flock to Greenwich"
Gay couples from out-of-state, appear to be flocking to Greenwich to get married. 122 gay couples have 'tied the knot' in Greenwich since the first 'gay marriage licenses' were issued in November. But only 14 of those couples were from Connecticut, the rest were from out-of-state. Neighboring Stamford is seeing a 'similar trend'.

June:

6/05/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:56 a.m., 1 min. and 45 seconds
"Governor Rell Set to Veto Death Penalty Bill"
Governor Rell is set to veto a bill today that would have abolished the death penalty. But as the Governor gets her veto pen ready, House Speaker Christopher Donovan and national NAACP President Benjamin Jealous set to hold a news conference this afternoon with other groups to discuss their opposition to the death penalty. Jealous has long been outspoken on the racial disparities in the justice system.

6/07/09: 6:00 News, 6:07 p.m., 25 seconds
"Special Olympics New Haven"
It is the second day of competition for thousands of athletes taking part in Connecticut's Special Olympics in New Haven. More than 21-hundred special Olympians are competing on the campus of Southern Connecticut State University. There are Dozens of competitions, but ask any of the athletes, coaches and volunteers and they will tell you that this weekend is about much more than winning. Connecticut Special Olympics is celebrating its 40th year!

6/25/09: 12:00 News, 12:08 p.m., 25 seconds
"Unity at New Haven Fire Department"
As some of their co-workers wait for a ruling from the U-S Supreme Court, members of the New Haven Fire Department put on a show of unity, calling for racial equality. African-American and Latino firefighters came together last night. There has been some tension in the department since 19 white and one Latino firefighter sued for reverse discrimination. They say the city illegally threw out the results of a promotion exam because not enough minorities passed. The Supreme Court is expected to announce their decision in the case any day now.

6/29/09: 5:30 News, 5:33 p.m., 15 seconds
"Supreme Court Rules on New Haven Fire Department Case"
A group of New Haven firefighters is celebrating after the US Supreme Court ruled in their favor in a reverse discrimination case. The ruling reverses an appellate court decision by Supreme Court nominee Judge Sotomayor and two other appellate court judges.

Heath

April:

4/26/2009:11:00 p.m. News, 11:13 p.m., 25 seconds
"Boil Water Advisory"
Tonight people in several Connecticut communities are still being urged to boil their water. Bloomfield, Hartford, West Hartford, Windsor, and parts of East Granby... and parts Windsor Locks are all still under that advisory right through the weekend. State officials have doubled chlorine levels at a Bloomfield Water Treatment plant where micro-organisms were found in the water last week.

4/26/2009: 11:00 News, 11:04 p.m., 15 seconds
"CT State Health Officials to Closely Monitor Swine Flu"
Governor Rell issued a statement today saying she has directed the state department of Public Health... to closely monitor swine flu cases reported in Mexico and U.S. States.

4/29/2009: 12:00 News, 12:28 p.m., 25 seconds
"Gov. Rell Orders the Distribution of Anti-Viral Drugs to State Hospitals"
Governor Jodi Relll announced today that she has directed the state Department of Public Health to distribute ten thousand doses of anti-viral drugs to the state's hospitals. This is a precaution against swine flu.

4/30/2009: 5:00 News, 5:28 p.m., 15 seconds
"Fighting Lyme Disease"
The Connecticut House of Representatives has unanimously approved a bill that's designed to give doctors a 'freer hand' in prescribing medication for Lyme Disease.

May:

5/01/09: 5:30 News, 5:30 p.m., 15 seconds
"Breaking News: Swine Flu Confirmed Stratford"
The first case of the H1N1 virus was confirmed just about an hour ago here in Stratford. Health Director Lisa Pippa says they will continue their hygiene campaign - putting put posters telling people to cover their mouth when they cough, and wash their hands for at least twenty seconds…especially after sneezing or coughing.

5/15/09: 5:30 News, 5:44 p.m., 20 seconds
"State Senate Passes Bill for Autism Insurance Coverage"
The state senate today -- unanimously approved a measure -- requiring group health insurance plans to cover diagnosing and treating autism in young children.

5/19/09: 5:30 News, 5:40 p.m., 20 seconds
"Study: Behavioral Therapy More Effective For Insomnia Sufferers"
A new study shows a combination of drugs and behavior therapy is more effective. With *behavioral therapy*, patients learn healthy sleep habits like: going to bed only when sleepy... and avoiding caffeine before bed.

June:

6/04/09: 5:30 News, 5:31 p.m., 25 seconds
"World Health Officials Still Tracking H1N1 Virus"
World Health officials continue to track the H-1-N-1 flu virus. A new report shows some aspects of 'pandemic' flu planning worked well in this case including: stockpiling of anti-viral medications, like Tamiflu. But, experts say families still struggle when schools are closed and local health departments faced overcrowding. Among the recommendations: a better system for making a flu vaccine so every American can be vaccinated.

6/11/09: 5:00 News, 5:28 p.m., 20 seconds
"Child from Waterbury Dies from H1N1 Virus"
A child has died from the H1N1 virus. We are told the child was suffering from other serious medical issues and was not in school this year. This is Connecticut's second swine flu death. A woman, also from Waterbury, died from the virus last week.

6/16/09: Good Morning Connecticut- 5:09 a.m., 25 seconds
"President Pleads for Support of Healthcare System Overhaul"
President Obama is asking for support in the overhaul of the health care system. The president spoke to the American Medical Association in Chicago yesterday. He says the current system is a ticking time bomb for the economy and the federal budget. For the first time, Mr. Obama says his plan to cover the almost 50-million Americans without insurance would cost about one trillion dollars over ten years. But, he says the current system doesn't work and costs even more.

Education

April:

4/22/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:46 a.m., 25 seconds
"Hartford Public Schools to Cut 230 Positions"
An Estimated 230 People are set to be laid off to fill an 18 million dollar budget hole. Dozens turned out to the School Board Meeting last night to find out who would be cut. Guidance counselors, maintenance workers and teachers are being cut. School leaders say that's because state funding did not increase while everything else from salaries to utilities have gone up.

4/23/09: 12:00 News, 12:05 p.m., 20 seconds
"CT Students/Dissection"
The state house has passed a bill that would let high school students opt out of dissections if they have "moral objections". Supporters say the same things can be learned with computer simulations. Opponents say students will abuse the law to get out of that part of class.

4/29/09- Good Morning Connecticut, 6:43 a.m., 25 seconds
"Teacher of the Year"
A Connecticut teacher is receiving an incredible honor today. Tony Mullen, a special education teacher from the Arch School in Greenwich was honored for his excellence by President Barack Obama at the White House.

May:

5/02/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:14 a.m., 36 seconds
"Math Competition in New Haven"
Some Middle School students are being rewarded for doing the math. More than 200 students from New Haven and West Haven schools were a part of the final competition in the Math Counts program yesterday. It pairs up youngsters with student coaches from Yale University. They get together after school each week to work on problem solving skills.

5/05/09: 5:30 News, 5:33 p.m., 20 seconds
"Bill Requires 'Green' Cleaning Products in CT Schools"
Connecticut's public schools may become "green" cleaning machines. A bill is on the table -- that would require all public schools statewide to use environmentally friendly cleaning products. Crews would also have to use certified green cleaning products in all state owned buildings, including universities and vo-tech schools. If approved, districts would have two years to comply.

5/14/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:32 a.m., 20 seconds
"Debate Over School Uniforms in Norwich"
A debate over school uniforms is underway in Norwich. The school board is expected to vote at its meeting on June 9th on a policy requiring elementary and middle school students to wear uniforms. The superintendent says uniforms would improve school safety, encourage school pride, and reduce clothing costs for parents. In a phone survey of parents, they overwhelmingly agreed.

5/19/09: 12:00 News, 12:14 p.m., 30 seconds
"Report Reveals Disturbing Treatment of Special Needs Students"
A new government report reveals disturbing information about how special needs children are being managed in public schools. There are more than 6-million children in the U-S considered special needs- which includes autism and down syndrome. According to the new report, very often these children are secluded or restrained away from the rest of the class in some cases up to 3 hours. The U.S. house education and labor committee holding hearings to create new laws defining what actions teachers can take to rein-in disruptive special-needs children.

June:

6/10/09: 12:00 News- 12:04 p.m., 20 seconds
"Bill Will Help Madison Get Rid of Uranium in Water"
It looks like Madison may be getting some state help to get rid of uranium in the water at two public schools. According to the New Haven Register, a bill is now on the governor's desk that would let the Connecticut water company lease land to put in a water purification system. That water would be pumped to Ryerson Elementary and Brown middle school. Water at both of those schools has been found to contain uranium. The governor is expected to sign the bill.

6/10/09: 5:00 News- 5:14 p.m., 40 seconds
"Mobile Weather Lab in North Haven"
Despite the grey skies, there was lots of fun at the green Acres Elementary School in North Haven. Storm Team 8's Gil Simmons and the Sky Max mobile weather lab crew were on hand for a visit. About 50 first graders had the time of their lives. We just might have a few 'future' meteorologists in the making over at Green Acres.

6/16/2009: 12:00 News- 12:06 p.m., 15 seconds
"Stamford School Budget Battle"
Two Connecticut tech schools find themselves on the front lines of the state budget battle. But they won't go down without a fight. The Governor's budget says closing Wright school would eliminate about 70 jobs and save the state $5 million. The other school slated for closing, Bristol Tech, would eliminate 30 jobs and save $2 million. These are the two smallest vocational-technical schools, that's why they were targeted. Vo-tech schools are part of the state, not part of their local school systems, that's why they fall under the state budget. Parents, teachers, and politicians stood out in front of this school about an hour ago saying the community needs people with skills in building and cooking and auto repair, and that students here need to have skills that make them employable in this economy. The Governor's office points to the fact that Wright and Bristol Tech have small enrolments and are getting smaller, and that the state has a deficit of about $8 billion. To make that up, a lot of things have to get cut. Supporters say cutting Wright is the wrong thing to do.

Crime

April:

4/03/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:03 a.m., 25 seconds
"DNA Evidence Frees Man After 20 Years Behind Bars"
All charges are now officially dropped against a Connecticut man. He spent 20 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Miguel Roman was convicted for the 1988 murder of his pregnant girlfriend17-year old Carmen Lopez. DNA testing cleared him of the crime and he was released in December. The same DNA tests led police to charge another man, Pedro Miranda, in Lopez's death and the killings of two other Hartford teens.

4/14/09: 12:00 News, 12:03 p.m., 20 seconds
"Police Investigate Robbery at College Students' Apartment"
Police in Bloomfield are investigating a robbery and hold-up at an apartment where some University of Hartford students live. Police say there were three victims. They say two masked men got into the Bloomfield Avenue apartment and robbed the students at gunpoint. The students got away but so did the thieves.

4/28/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:07 a.m., 20 seconds
"Hartford Homicide"
Hartford Police are investigating a homicide. Officers say they found a man suffering from gunshot wounds in a parking lot on Sherbrooke Avenue Sunday night. He died from his injuries at the hospital. Police are not releasing the victim's name at this time.

May:

5/01/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:14 a.m., 1 min and 15 seconds
"Pit Bulls Attack Postal Worker"
A postal worker is in the hospital this morning after being attacked by two pit bulls in Norwich. Police seized the pit bulls yesterday. Witnesses say the post man was walking across the street and one pit bull bit him in the neck while the other bit his leg. A good Samaritan heard screams and came running with his hammer.

5/06/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:19 a.m., 15 seconds
"Police Looking For Suspects in Woodbridge Home Invasion"
Police are still looking for suspects this morning in a violent home invasion in Woodbridge. Two arrests have been made already following the incident yesterday on Merritt Avenue

5/06/09: 5:00 News, 5:20 p.m., 25 seconds
"Wesleyan Student Shot and Killed at Campus Bookstore"
A Wesleyan University student has been shot and killed at the campus bookstore. A man walked into Broad Street Books this afternoon and opened fire. We are told the victim is a junior from Colorado.

June:

6/07/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:08 a.m., 25 seconds
"Six People Injured in Two Separate Shooting Incidents"
Police say two shootings sent six people to the hospital in Hartford. Five people were shot at Papas Pizza on Union Place early Saturday morning, one is in serious condition. 21-year old Byron Taylor is facing charges in connection with that shooting. The other shooting happened after a fight inside the Mansion Night club. That victim is in stable condition and police haven't made any arrests in that case.

6/08/09: 6:00 News, 6:02 p.m., 35 seconds
"More Voyeurism Charges for Self Defense Teacher"
There are new allegations against a Guilford Martial Arts instructor arrested on charges of voyeurism. 43 year old Joseph Moscatelli was arraigned on more charges of secretly taping women and girls changing clothes at United Studio of Self Defense. Prosecutors today said that police discovered two more videos on Moscatelli's computer showing a 20 year old woman, and a 15 or 16 year old girl, changing clothes at his business. Prosecutors say the tape shows Moscatelli directing the women to change in a storage room where the camera was allegedly hidden instead of the bathroom.

6/09/09: 12:00 News, 12:06 p.m., 20 seconds
"Blogger Accused of Inciting Violence on Two State Lawmakers"
A New Jersey Blogger and former radio host says he will surrender to Connecticut authorities today over a controversial post on his website. Harold "Hal" Turner urged his blog readers to "take up arms" against two Connecticut lawmakers who introduced a controversial bill on Catholic Parish Finances. That bill was later withdrawn. Turner was arrested last week in New Jersey. He faces charges of inciting violence. His lawyer says the case is about freedom of speech.

6/11/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:13 a.m., 30 seconds
"Sexual Assault Investigation in Ansonia"
A High School student in Ansonia is accused of sexually assaulting a younger student on school grounds. Police have arrested 18 year old Christian Balaj for sexually assaulting a 14 year old student in a men's changing room at the school. A teacher there told a school resource officer that she thought something may have happened in the dressing room. An investigation followed which quickly led to an arrest. Balaj posted his 25- thousand dollar bond and is due in court later this month. The girl was taken to Yale-New Haven hospital to be examined.

Consumer Issues

April:

4/06/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:40 a.m., 20 seconds
"Airlines Earn Higher Marks for Quality in 2008"
Private researchers say in their annual survey of the industry the rates of lost bags late arrivals and consumer complaints all declined in 2008. While one-quarter of all flights were late, the average on-time performance got a little better. The best airlines there were Hawaiian, Southwest, and U-S Airways. American had the worst on-time record.

4/20/09: 6:00 News, 6:00 p.m., 20 seconds
"Atty. Gen. Investigates Alleged Electric Provider 'Swindling'"
The Attorney General calls it a "swindle" that has cost New England electric consumers 86 million dollars. Richard Blumenthal says he is launching an anti-trust investigation into power generators and the operator of the region's power grid. Blumenthal says power companies that were paid to be on stand-by during peak times, refused to provide power but got paid anyway.

4/22/09: 5:30 News, 5:33 p.m., 30 seconds
"Warning to Boil Water for One Minute in Some CT Towns"
Water consumers in several Connecticut towns are being told to boil their drinking water for one minute until further notice. The Public Health Department says organisms found in drinking water from a Water Treatment Facility, in Bloomfield, are present in the raw water supplied to the treatment facility. The communities affected are Hartford, East Hartford, West Hartford, Glastonbury, Portland, Windsor and Bloomfield, as well as parts of East Granby and Windsor Locks. Boiling the water is only a precaution.

4/24/09: 11:00 News, 11:25 p.m., 35 seconds
"Water Advisories Lifted"
A water warning has been lifted in several communities yet some water worries remain tonight. The Department of Consumer Protection says raw fruits or vegetables from stores in any of the communities affected by the water advisory should be washed in boiling water. The advisory has
But people in Bloomfield, Windsor, Hartford, West Hartford, and parts of East Granby and Windsor Locks still need to boil their water for one minute before using it.

4/30/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:11 a.m., 47 seconds
"State House Votes to Restrict Utility Choice"
Democrats in the house and senate are at odds over Electricity rates in Connecticut and whether efforts to "De-regulate" the industry have saved consumers any money. Deregulation was supposed to lower rates by increasing competition. But very few are actually benefiting from the plan. Yesterday, The Connecticut House passed legislation requiring future residential and small business customers to sign up with one of the state's two major power suppliers. But there is strong opposition in the Senate.

May:

5/27/09: 5:00 News, 5:26 p.m., 27 seconds
"Samsung Phone Recall"
If you have a Samsung "Jitterbug" phone, it could be part of a nationwide recall. When the phones are in a 'no-service area' and they display an 'out of range' message, they may not connect to 911. An FCC rule requires phones to reach 911 even when they are out of range. The phones were sold between March of last year and this month. Samsung is contacting the affected consumers to get a free software upgrade.

5/28/09: 5:00 News, 5:09 p.m., 40 seconds
"Fake Check Scam Targeting Your Wallet"
We want to tell you about a fake check scam...we don't want you to get caught up in it. The checks try to lure you into believing you won something, but you need to wire back money for taxes or administrative fees. The Consumer Federation of America says more than a million customers fall victim to these scams every year. They advise to never wire money to a company you don't know and never agree to pay to claim a prize.

June:

6/17/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:13 a.m., 10 seconds
"Zicam Warning"
Health news this morning, it may get rid of your cold but its effects may cost much more than what you pay at the drug store. The FDA has ordered that the product Zicam be taken off the market... and asks that consumers not use the cold remedy.

6/17/09: 11:00 News, 11:16 p.m., 20 seconds
"President Obama Calls for Financial Changes"
President Barack Obama is calling for rules he says will protect Americans from future economic crisis. President Obama's proposed changes would give new authority to the Federal Reserve and create a new agency to protect consumers' banking transactions. Some Republicans say that's too much government. The President says it is needed.

6/24/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:05 a.m., 20 seconds
"Connecticut to get $400,000 in TJ Maxx Settlement"
Connecticut will receive nearly 400 thousand dollars from the owner of the TJ-Maxx stores. It's part of a settlement that claimed lax computer security allowed hackers to steal consumers' credit and check card information. The Attorney General says he is not aware of any Connecticut consumers who had their identities or money stolen. TJ Maxx companies owns T-J Maxx, Marshalls, Home-Goods and A-J Wright stores.

Government, Economy, & Law

April:

4/4/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:03 a.m., 1 min. and 5 seconds
"Democrats Say They Want to Compromise on Budget"
Talks over the State budget are starting to heat up. Democratic leaders are accusing the Governor of misleading the public, while the Governor. Business groups have also criticized the Democrats' 38-point-2 billion dollar spending plan because it includes broad changes in business taxes, and eliminates, for most residents, property taxes credits for homes and cars. But Democrats say they don't plan to use their veto proof majority to push their budget through. Instead, they want to reach a compromise before the legislative session ends on June 4th.

4/15/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:58 a.m., 30 seconds
"Gubernatorial Candidate Fundraising"
Three democratic candidates have started raising money for a *possible* run for Governor in 20-10. And right now the top fundraiser is Stamford Mayor Dan Malloy. In the first quarter of this year, he raised more than 129-thousand dollars. According to the Stamford Advocate, Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz raised about 100-thousand. Former House Speaker James Amann has raised 53-thousand.

4/30/09: 12:00 News, 12:10 p.m., 20 seconds
"House Votes to Exempt Armed Service Members from Cell Phone Ban"
The house wants to make members of the Armed service exempt from another state law. Service members would be added to the list of professionals exempt from the law requiring people to use a hands-free cell phone device while behind the wheel. If approved in the Senate, It would only apply while they are performing official duties and operating a military vehicle.

May:

5/8/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:28 a.m., 20 seconds
"Gov. Reaches Smoking Deal with Foxwoods Resort Casino"
Governor Jodi Rell inks an agreement with Foxwoods Resort Casino... to limit smoking areas inside. The agreement is similar to one reached with the Mohegans. They have since banned smoking at bars and restaurants and installed equipment to redirect secondhand smoke into a ventilation system. The agreement comes as state lawmakers debate a bill that would ban smoking at both casinos. Both consider the bill a violation of their tribal sovereignty.

5/28/09: 5:00 News, 5:26 p.m., 45 seconds
"Death Penalty Debate"
Governor Rell has said she plans to veto a bill that would eliminate the death penalty in Connecticut. And according to a new poll, that's what most people in the state want her to do. A Quinnipiac University poll released today shows more than 60-percent of state residents want to keep the death penalty. Earlier this month, both the State House and Senate passed a bill that would replace the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole.

5/28/09: 12:00 News, 12:05 p.m., 25 seconds
"House Votes for Autism"
Another bill is heading to the Governor's desk. It would require insurance companies to pay for autism tests and treatment for young kids. Both the house and senate passed it. It requires coverage for therapy for kids under 16 as well as certain prescription drugs and other services. If the governor signs it, it will kick in on January first.

5/30/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:14 a.m., 20 seconds
"General Assembly Passes Bill to Track Foreclosed Homes"
Connecticut may soon have a registration system to track the owners of empty, foreclosed homes. Both the state house and senate have passed a bill that would help cities and towns enforce laws requiring empty homes to be maintained. Neighborhood advocates say the move could cut down on blight. The bill now heads to Governor Rell's desk for her signature.

June:

6/05/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 6:26 a.m., 25 seconds
"Debate Continues over State Budget Crisis"
Governor Rell vetoed a bill that would have created a new procedure for reaching a consensus on the state's estimated revenues. Rell says she sees no reason to change the process. As for an agreement on the budget, many Democrats in the General Assembly say the kind of cuts the Governor wants to solve the budget crisis would cripple the state. While they backed off their "tax the rich" plan, Democrats insist a tax hike is necessary.

6/05/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:17 a.m., 20 seconds
"Governor Rell Signs BPA Ban"
Governor Rell signed a bill making the state the first to ban BPA from infant formula and baby food containers, as well as a range of reusable food and drink containers. Other state and local governments have banned BPA from baby bottles because some scientists consider it a health threat. The law takes effect October 1, 2011.

6/07/09: 11:00 News: 11:14 p.m., 20 seconds
"New Report on State's Economy"
A new report is due out tomorrow morning on the driving factors behind Connecticut's recession. The Editors of "The Connecticut Economy" will present their findings to state lawmakers on the size of state government and the impact of the housing and stock market collapse on the state. The publication is produced by the University of Connecticut. Researchers will also have the latest jobs, unemployment and housing price forecasts.

6/15/09: Good Morning Connecticut, 5:16 a.m., 15 seconds
"Preparations Being Made to Run State without Budget"
Governor Rell's budget staff is working on plans to run Connecticut's government should a budget deal not be reached by June 30th. That's the last day of the fiscal year. If no deal is reached with the General Assembly by then, Governor Rell would have to decide which bills get paid to continue providing essential state services.